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ticket in this situation. And what this does is strike this language in the law, it just turned out to be not very workable. So that is the extent of what the bill does. There are letters of support from the Nebraska Medical Association; the Chiefs of Police of Nebraska, their association; the National Transportation Safety Board; the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of School Nurses; the Greater Omaha Safety and Health Council; the National Safe Kids Campaign; and the Professional Insurance Agencies of Nebraska. And they're attached to this document. But because time is short today, and we're going to be moving onto two other topics...

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...I have more information to pass out to you. I am certainly available to talk with any of you about these...the issues of this bill. But this is an opportunity to save lives and help children not be subjected to injuries. And, again, this is the leading cause of death and injury in Nebraska is in cars. And we've changed a lot about the way cars are designed, we've changed a lot about the safety aspects for the way children are safe in cars and what we know about that. And this is a time...point in time where we now have the research that guides us, where we have the recommendations, where the states are moving on this particular issue, and we should be a part of that movement. And we have an opportunity to educate people and help them know. One of the people who testified says people don't know what they don't know. And they depend on us for that information, for what level of safety should occur in vehicles. And we have lots of ways we do that...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...but this is one that we can do to help children be safer in Nebraska.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the opening on the bill. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you very much, Senator Janssen. First of all, I want to commend Senator Thompson for her continuing work